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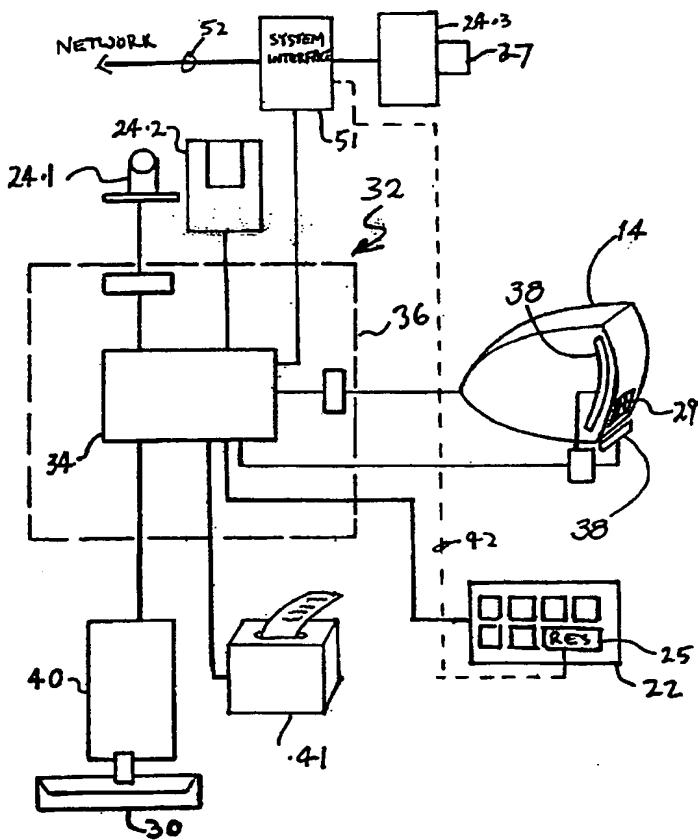
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(54) Title: CASHLESS RESERVATION SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: A gaming system includes a system controller, a means for establishing a credit on the system, a plurality of gaming machines, and a communications system connecting each of the plurality of gaming machines to the system controller. The gaming machines each have credit register, a player input device, a tracking input device and a game controller. Each game controller is arranged to play a game when a player has established a credit in the credit register of the respective gaming machine and the credit establishment means is arranged to establish a player credit and to associate that credit with a player tracking means (such as a magnetic stripe card or a fingerprint) of a player establishing the credit. While a player is playing a game on a selected machine the credit is held in the credit register of the selected gaming machine, and the gaming machine is responsive to the presence of a player credit held by in the credit register of the selected machine to lock the machine preventing play by any player unless the machine is supplied via the tracking input device, with a player tracking means associated with the credit held in the credit register.



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